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Paper 1 Writing

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This insert contains **Section A**.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Fasten the completed **Section A** insert to your Answer Paper.

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Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about an unusual sight in Singapore. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

If there is NO error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided.

If the line is incorrect, circle the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided.

The correct word you provide must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Examples:

I arrived (to) my destination at 2pm.

..... at

My mother always wears sensible clothes.

..... ✓

This is a true story of something that happened in December 1997. My brother, Ben, and me were going to spend Christmas with our aunt in Australia. We flew first into Changi airport, to spend three days visiting Singapore. Lucky we had found a place to stay near the Botanic Gardens, where we visited on our first morning. We were astonish at the heat of the sun but we felt cool beneath the trees and in the gentle spray from the large fountain. We spent a hot but enjoy afternoon shopping in Orchard Road. As we turned the corner on our way back, I gasped. 'Look, it's snowing!' Ben, although, said, 'Snow never falls in Singapore.' Then I saw, where the ground seemed covered with snow, a golden coach outside the hotel. It had six white toy horses, which were drove by Santa Claus, in his bright red suit. Artificial snow crystals are falling softly from the lampposts arranged on either side. It was a perfect Christmas snow scene, on the hottest day of the year in Singapore!

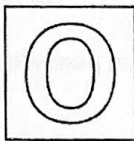
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Write your Centre number, index number and name in the spaces provided on the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.
DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **Section A**, **Section B** and one question from **Section C**.

Section A is an Insert.

For **Section A** write your answers in the spaces provided on the Insert.

For **Section B** and **Section C** write your answers on the separate Answer Paper provided.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the head of each section.

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Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 250 and 350 words for this section.

You should look at the printout of a webpage on page 3, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

You have seen an advertisement for a writing competition organised by the holiday company, *Go Travel*, and you decide to enter the competition. In your article you should explain the reasons for your choice of holiday.

Your article for the website must include the following content:

- a title to attract readers' attention
- why the holiday appeals to you
- the activities available on the holiday
- what travellers will gain from the holiday experience.

Write your article for *Go Travel*'s website in clear, accurate English and in a lively, engaging tone to encourage readers to visit the destination you have chosen.


You should use your own words as much as possible.

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 http://www.gotravel.com

GO TRAVEL – Win a week’s holiday for two!

The holiday company, *Go Travel*, is offering a choice of 4 fabulous guided tours. All you have to do is write about which **one** of the holidays advertised below you would choose and why. The winning article will be published on our website for people interested in holidays with a difference!

**CHINA –
visit Xian and the terracotta warriors**




Visit life-size terracotta figures of warriors and horses.

Learn about old China from guides who are knowledgeable about local history.

Enjoy the amazing views of Xian from the top of its ancient Bell Tower.

Taste great food at local noodle houses and drink green tea prepared the Chinese way.

**VIETNAM –
relax on a Mekong River cruise**



Experience rural life along the river bank.


Travel to the floating market at Cai Rang on a local boat called a sampan.

Visit villages to see temples and snake farms.

See villagers engaged in traditional crafts such as making bamboo baskets.

Enjoy tea with honey in riverside garden houses.

**THAILAND –
learn to cook Thai food**



Learn to cook dishes from different regions of Thailand.


Watch friendly teachers demonstrate cooking techniques, one dish at a

time. Then cook the dish yourself!

Visit Bangkok’s colourful market to buy the perfect ingredients for your personal cookery lesson and gifts for your family.

Eat your dish, as well as additional dishes, in our delightful restaurant.

**BALI –
explore the Munduk Wilderness**



Travel on sturdy two-seater vehicles which are comfortable no matter how rough the ground is.

Explore remote areas off the tourist trail.

Stay in the friendly mountain village of Munduk where you can swim in dramatic waterfalls.

Visit beautiful temples and eat wonderful food in an unforgettable setting.

Click [here](#) for more details about the competition.

Section C [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words on one of the following topics.

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

- 1 Describe the possession that matters most to you and explain why you would never be prepared to part with it.
- 2 'The world would be a very dull place without music.' What are your views?
- 3 'Shoppers have too much choice, from chocolate bars to jeans.' What, in your opinion, are the advantages and disadvantages of having many things to choose from?
- 4 Do electronic devices, such as tablets or smart phones, help or hinder students in their studies?

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